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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date August 12, 1939.

Subject Central European Jews - Articles in "China Weekly Review".

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by

C. Crawford, J.

Mr. STANTON, American Executive Consul, has been interviewed in connection with the correspondence appearing in the enclosed communication from Mr. Paul KOMOR and his help solicited in an effort to curb any possible attempt by the "China Weekly Review" to hinder the relief work of the Emigrant Committees that might result from the publication of articles relating to the Refugee problem.

After the salient points of Mr. KOMOR's letter had been placed in Mr. STANTON's hands and the situation, as it affects the Police, explained to him, this gentleman communicated with Mr. J.B. POWELL, editor and publisher of the "China Weekly Review". Mr. POWELL stated that the articles for publications were not of a political nature and were of a character that could only be construed as being sympathetic towards the plight in which refugees are finding themselves, and as such, would, it was hoped, merit sympathetic understanding and treatment of the Refugee question by both the authorities and readers.

Mr. STANTON instructed Mr. POWELL to refrain from publishing any item that might cause unpleasantness to the Relief Committees, to which Mr. POWELL agreed.

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SHANGHAI, August 7th, 1939
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To the Commissioner of Police
S.M.P.
Shanghai

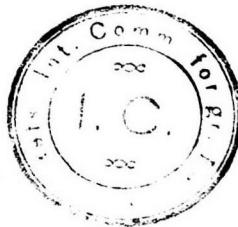
Dear Sirs:-

I beg to enclose copy of a letter addressed to the Emigrants' Committee and the contents of which speaks for itself.

Considering that there is sufficient inflammable material in the world to-day and that we do not lack such in Shanghai either and that the handling of the Emigrant situation is difficult enough without superfluous "New-stories" making things even more difficult, I hope that you will be so good as to do what you can in the sense of my letter to my Committee.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,



"I. C" RELIEF FUND

David A. Murray & Treasurer



August 7th, 1939

Ellis Mayin, Esquire
E. Mann, Esquire
E. Kelen, Esquire
Shanghai

Gentlemen:-

Consul v. Randow has just 'phoned to me drawing attention to the announcement appearing in the "China Weekly Review" to the effect that a series of six articles which will appear, beginning with the next number dealing with the Emigrant question.

These articles will be supposed to show, why and wherefore Emigrants came to Shanghai and it is to be supposed, that they will not lack that journalistic sensationalism, which seems to be an attribute to modern news-writing.

It is also stated in the announcement that the work of the various Committees will be described, and it is therefore to be assumed, that the writer of the series, a gentleman by the name of Julius Kudelka (not registered with us) has obtained or will attempt to obtain information from you or members and organs of the Committee.

For reasons which I have frequently explained and which have always been appreciated by the Committee, any sensational propaganda work in connection with the Emigrants question is to be tabooed as unnecessary and of no constructive use. These questions, which are mainly political, are sufficiently threshed out in the world-press and need no further spreading through any medium which could in any way be brought into connection with our work which is absolutely only constructively charitable and non-political.

Inasmuch as the German Consulate-General has given us every possible support in very difficult circumstances, I would very deeply regret if the "China Weekly Review" brought any articles which would not be in keeping with the lines we have ourselves laid down in connection with Propaganda, if any, for the Emigrants.

I would therefore urge you to kindly look into this matter without delay and to prevent, if possible the appearance of any "new-stories" which might, in their effect, cause more harm than any good at all.

Your early reply to this will be very much appreciated
Yours sincerely,

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date October 3, 1939.

Subject. "Communist Elements Active Among German Jews" - report appearing in Tairiku Shimpo of September 30, 1939.

Made by D.S. Pitts Forwarded by C. Grafford

The contents of the attached report, are to put it very mildly, highly exaggerated, for no instance has yet come to light in respect of communist propaganda being distributed among Jewish refugees in the Yangtszepoo area.

It is a known fact that dissatisfaction has been expressed by certain of the emigrants in regard to the treatment afforded them by, for instance, Dr. Kurt MARX, a leading Committee member of the Refugees' Aid Committee, while the managers of various homes and camps have not escaped criticism from inmates.

To construe this type of bickering as communist activity, however, is very wide of the mark and though there exists a probability that radicals in certain numbers are to be found among the refugees, it is quite certain they have not yet manifested their presence by the dissemination of propaganda of any kind.

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D. C. (Special Branch).

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Sir
Information.

Thos Robertson
DC (S.B.)

September 30, 1939.

TAIKIKU SHIMPO

COMMUNIST ELEMENTS ACTIVE AMONG GERMAN JEWS
IN YANGTSEPOO DISTRICT

The number of German refugees in Shanghai is reported to be now over 10,000. Several thousand are residing in the Hongkew and Yangtsepoo districts in the Japanese sector. A number of the German Jews are communists and are reported to be actively engaged in the dissemination of communist propaganda in the Yangtsepoo District.

The Japanese authorities are paying close attention to their movements.

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Translation of an extract, which appeared in the
"Shanghai Jewish Chronicle", dated 26-8-39.

Emigrants in Case of War.

During the past 24 hours wild rumours have been circulating among the emigrants in Shanghai re their position in case of war.

One of the most persistent rumours was to the effect, that all men, up to the age of 40, have to report to the "Komor Committee".

Having investigated this rumour, we are in the position to state, that an assurance was given by Mr. Komor, that this, as well as all other rumours in this connection, are groundless and untrue and that the position of the emigrants, in case of war, will not be affected in any way, there being absolutely no grounds for agitation.

Emigranten im Kriegsfall.

In den letzten 24 Stunden versicherte uns auf Rueckfrage, waren im Emigrantenkreis wilde dass an diesem und anderen Geruechte ueber die Stellung des Geruechten kein wahres Wort sei. Emigranten in Shanghai im Er erklaerte, dass im Kriegsfall Kriegsfall verbreitet; unter anderem wurde behauptet, dass sich die hiesigen Emigranten hieron saemtliche maennliche Emigranten in keiner Weise betroffen wuerden. Zur Beunruhigung laege bis zum 40. Lebensjahr unverzueglich beim Komitee Komor also nicht der geringste Anlass zu melden haetten; Herr Komor vor.

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Headquarters:

S. O. DEPARTMENT

June 5 1938

Date

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German & Austrian Jews
Relief Society — Watchman

Reference the attached copy of letter from the above
Society:-

Headquarters have approved of R. Weissenberg being
classified as a Police Watchman. He will be in uniform (Not
Armed) under the number 201 and employed at the Embankment
Building.

Supervision Fees are being paid by Mr. Henry H.
Cohen, 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Rd.

Although this man is employed in an Office in
Embankment Building, will you as a special case, have the
Officers on Day Patrol visit the Office and sign his Conference
Book in the forenoon and afternoon.

W
D. S. Pitt
C. H. Lee W. H. Baum
A. C. (A. & T. R.).

Copy for:-

D.C. Special Branch.

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RELIEF SOCIETY FOR GERMAN
AND AUSTRIAN JEWS.

Comis:
"Wlfafond"
Tel. 41083.

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(Embankment Bldg)
P.O.B.1131.

Shanghai, May 30th, 1939.

Our No. 39/3973.

Henry H. Cohen Esq.,
133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai

Dear Mr. Cohen,

It gives me much pleasure in acknowledging with thanks receipt of your kind letter concerning Mr. Robert Weissberg. I am more than grateful for your kind suggestion and advice given on behalf of Mr. Robert Weissberg. I do realize the difficulties he or anybody else in his place is facing in keeping out the crowd and allowing people admittance to the various departments according to their respective needs.

Since you were good enough to offer us your kind service for contacting the department concerned I would be very thankful, if you would kindly take the necessary steps. As to the expenses in connection I have gladly noted your kindness and consideration.

With kindest regards and renewed thanks for your sympathetic and active interest, I am

Very sincerely yours

Committee for the Assistance
of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai
Disbursement and Housing
Committee.

Dr. Kurt Marx
Secretary.